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OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS, MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO WIRE FRAUD

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Jerry Lee Dixon**, 51, Overland Park, Kansas, entered a guilty plea today to two counts of wire fraud before U.S. District Judge Carlos Murguia.

Melgren said that Dixon admitted as his plea that from January 24, 2000, until December 3, 2002, Dixon, while an employee of Hearst Corporation, executed a scheme to obtain electronic equipment and supplies from Professional Video Supply, Inc., for his privately owned company, Digital Sound Systems, and charged the cost of the equipment and supplies to his employer, Hearst Corporation, without the knowledge and consent of his employer. Dixon admitted that he stole blank invoices from Professional Video Supply, Inc., altered the stolen invoices to disguise the true type and nature of the equipment ordered, and submitted the fraudulently altered invoices to Hearst Corporation for payment of electronic equipment. Dixon further admitted that on May 15, 2000, Hearst Corporation transferred by wire \$28,859.47 to the account of Professional Video Supply, Inc., and on December 3, 2002, Hearst Corporation transferred by wire \$2,304.96 to the account of Professional Video Supply, Inc., to pay fraudulent invoices.

Dixon faces a maximum of five years in federal prison, without parole, on each count. Sentencing is set for January 5, 2004. The case was investigated by the FBI and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Marietta Parker.